

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Tropical Storm Ophelia

SITUATION REPORT # 8

1230 HOURS September 16, 2005

WEATHER

Forecast:

At 8:00 AM EDT, the center of Tropical Storm Ophelia was located about 145 miles South-Southeast of Norfolk and approximately 65 miles East of Cape Hatteras. Ophelia is moving toward the North-Northeast near 8 mph. A turn to the Northeast with an increase in forward motion is expected over the next 24 hours. Maximum sustained winds are near 65 mph with higher gusts East of the center. Tropical Storm force winds extend out 105 miles mainly to the East of the center.

No significant rainfall or tidal surge is expected across Southeastern Virginia. All warnings and watches have been dropped for Virginia. A Tropical Storm warning remains in effect from the Virginia/North Carolina border South to Cape Lookout. This warning will be discontinued later today.

The National Hurricane Center is tracking another disturbance in the Caribbean. This system still has the potential to become a Tropical Depression over the next day or so as it moves Westward or West-Northwestward at around 15 mph.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation:

The Virginia EOC is at Hurricane Readiness Condition 5 as of 0500 hours on September 16th. All VEOC sections returned to normal operations for Ophelia. For County EOC activations see Protective Actions below.

State of Emergency:

Governor Warner's State of Emergency remains in effect.

Protective Actions:

EOC Activations: None at this time.

Local Emergency Declared: **None at this time.**

Evacuations: **None at this time.**

Schools Closed: None at this time.

Fixed Nuclear Facilities:

None at this time.

OPERATIONS SECTIONS

State Warning Point: Operation

Returned to normal operations. Maintaining contact with local Emergency Centers. Checking equipment and supplies as scheduled, reviewing the daily log and developing the staff schedule.

Local Liaison:

Demobilized due to no input from local government.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

Firefighting (ESF 4):	Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) ESF 4 demobilized.
Health & Medical (ESF 8):	Virginia Department of Health (VDH) ESF 8 demobilized.
Search & Rescue (ESF 9):	VDEM Search and Rescue (SAR) The six FEMA USAR Teams that were on standby, three in Raleigh and three in Virginia Beach were demobilized. Continuing to monitor and maintain ready status of state SAR assets.
Public Safety & Security: (ESF 13)	Virginia State Police (VSP) and Virginia National Guard (VNG) ESF 13 demobilized.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

Mass Care (ESF 6):	Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), American Red Cross (ARC), Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) ESF 6 demobilized. Released mobile feeding units from Baptist General Association of Virginia.
Agriculture & Natural Resources (ESF 11):	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) Virginia Department of Corrections (VDOC) ESF 11 demobilized.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

Transportation (ESF 1):	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) ESF 1 demobilized.
Telecommunications & IT (ESF 2):	Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA) ESF 2 demobilized.
Energy Group (ESF 12):	State Corporation Commission (SCC) ESF 12 demobilized.

LOGISTICS SECTION

Resource Support (ESF 7):	VDEM/FEMA ESF 7 demobilized.
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PLANNING SECTION

Emergency Management: (ESF 5)	VDEM ESF 5 demobilized.
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FINANCE SECTION

Emergency Management: (ESF 5)	VDEM Processing timesheets and expenditures.
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Public Information (ESF 15): **VDEM**
Virginia Public Inquiry Center (VPIC) open through September 16 1700 hours. The VPIC will close over the weekend. All calls received after the weekend will be forwarded to Public Affairs.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Region I: No activity.

Region II: No activity.

Region III: No activity.

Region IV: No activity.

Region V: ***No activity.***

Region VI: No activity.

Region VII: No activity.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

FEMA: ***Emergency Response Team – Advance (ERT-A) from FEMA Region 3 demobilized. FEMA USAR Task Forces from Fairfax (Task Force-1) and Maryland (Task Force-1) deployed to Virginia Beach demobilized.***

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